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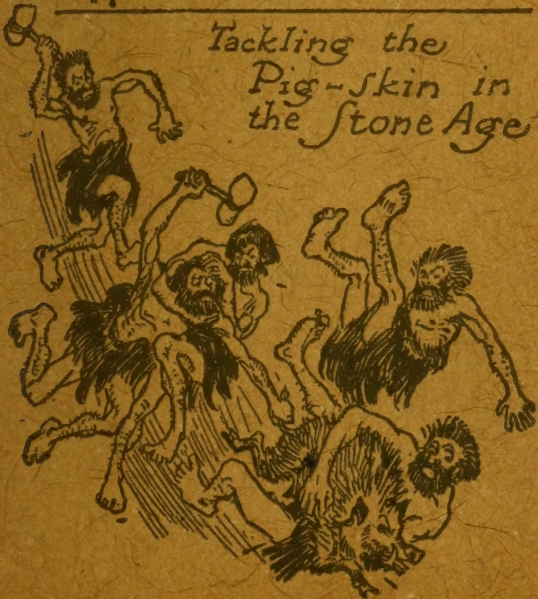
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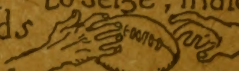
From the time when hand-to-hand combat began to go out of fashion, the pig-skin has been chased by countless generations.

The Romans kicked and struggled over the inflated "follis". They were the first to enjoy chasing a ball that bounced, and they were very fond of it.

The ancient Greeks liked it, but they played with a hard ball, and they had to stop it when they needed men for war. One of the ancient classics has the following quaint reference to it: "It was the game at football, played by a great number of persons divided into two parties opposed to one another."


*Tackling the
Pig-skin in
the Stone Age*



The Romans called their game "the harpastum", derived from a Greek word "to seize", indicating that the hands  were used as well as the feet.

The harpastum was a gymnastic game and was played with a larger kind of ball by two companies striving to throw it into one another's goals, which was the conquering stroke."

Tradition ascribes the introduction of football in Northern Europe to the Roman legions.

Regarding the origin of the game in Great Britain, the Roman tradition has been generally accepted, although Irish antiquarians assert that a variety of football has been played in Ireland for over 2000 years. 

*From an inscription
at Nineveh*



*Assyrian method of scoring a
Touchdown on an opponent*

Ireland is about the only country in the world which has never objected to football.

The Statutes of Galway (1527) forbade every other sport save archery and excepting "onely the great foot balle."

Football was forbidden by Edward II (1314) in consequence of noise in the city caused by hustling over large balls.

In Stubbes' *Anatomie of Abuses* (1583) it is referred to as "a develishe pastime --- and hereof groweth rancour and malice, and sometimes brawling, murther, homicide and great effusion of blood, as experience daily teacheth."



Greek victor at the Olympic Games receiving a laurel crown and listening to an ode in his honor

Pretty nearly every national-
ity has tried it and found
restrictions necessary.



In the time of
Charles II, foot-
ball was popular
at Cambridge,
particularly at
Magdalene Coll-
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enced by the fol-
lowing extract from
the register book of that
institution under the date
1679: "That no schollers
give or receive at any time any
treat or collation upon account

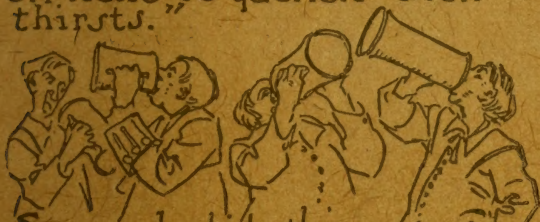
Origin of the College Yell

"Here we are,
Here we are,
S.P.Q.R.
Siss, boom,
ah-h-h!!"



*The bleachers
at a Football Game
in the Colosseum at Rome*

"Of ye football play, on or about Michaelmas Day, further than college beere or ale in ye open halle to quench their thirsts."



So rough did the game become that James I forbade the heir apparent to play it. Both sexes and all ages seem to have taken part in it on Shrove Tuesday, which used



Introduction of Low Tackle in the Middle Ages



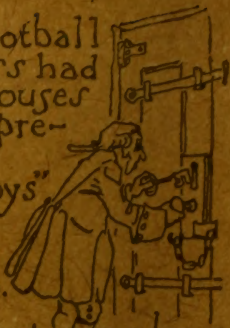
by the use of the Greasy Pig-skin

to be the great football festival; shutters had to be put up and houses closed in order to prevent damage.

But "boys will be boys" has held good for ages and will endure for ages more.

The biggest, best men are boys at heart as long as they live, and football, more than any other game, has kept the spirit of youth alive in the face of stern civilization.

The same spirit that made the ancient Romans hustle each other for goals is just as big in the youth of the twentieth century



Some types of early football costume

Late Renaissance

Cromwellian Ironside



Note especially the protecting head-pieces, and ingenious devices on the boots for assisting the ball's progress

Whether we do the hustling ourselves or watch others do it from the sidelines, football arouses in us the desire to conquer. It gives nature a chance to make us feel we're living like the fighting men of old.

They may abolish war and armies, but never football.

The warfare of the 20th century is called business, and it requires probably more courage, resource and endurance than the fighting of centuries ago. ✂

The pig-skin has sent life sizzling through the veins of the foremost in business, politics and the professions.

It revives the spirit of the fighter that makes men great.

Hail to the Pig-skin!!



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the season of one of
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